Airbus A.340-200

The Airbus A.340-200 was a long range version of the Airbus family of jet airliners. They began entering service in the early 1990s but were later replaced by new generations of large long range twin engined airliners..

The Airbus A.340 was developed from the Airbus A.300. Two versions were made, the twin engined A.330 and the four engined A.340 that met the requirement for more than two engines for flying long over-water sectors.

Initially there were two versions of the A.340, the A.340-200 and the slightly longer A.34-300. The first A.340 first flew on 21 October 1991. Only 380 were made because the increased reliability of jet engines resulted in revised regulations so twin engined aircraft could fly on long over-water routes and the Airbus A.330 then filled that role.

This model represents F-RAJA flying with Escadron de Transport 3/60 Esterel in 2010.

Data: long range high capacity airliner. *Engines* four General Electric/SNECMA CFM56-5C2 turbofan engines of 151kN thrust each. *Wing span* 60.3m. *Length* 59.4 m. *Maximum take-off weight* 275,000kg. *Cruising speed* 871km/h. *Range* 12,400 km. *Payload* 210-230 passengers in three class layout. *Flight crew* 2.

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